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John Martin to retire as State Director

John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will retire in January.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "John has provided solid leadership for the state for the past 12 years, clearly some of the most challenging years in our history."

Director Martin was initially appointed to the position by Governor Ted Strickland in 2007. In 2010, when Governor John Kasich was elected, Director Martin was the only member of the Governor's Cabinet who was retained when the new Governor was elected.

As Director, John Martin was faced with a number of challenges, including the requirement from the federal government to make sure all County Boards of Developmental Disabilities have 'conflict free case management.' His advocacy on behalf of County Boards allowed for counties to plan for and phase in this change, rather than immediate compliance.

Superintendent Morison stated "John has always been accessible, a good listener, smart in his approach to solving problems and a person who truly cares about individuals who have disabilities and their families. He and his top staff visited our agency the first week he was in office."

While his accomplishments are too numerous to mention, most would agree that Director Martin's presentations and ability to communicate complex and controversial topics are one of his many skills. Many stories related to his personal or professional life have been shared to audiences of one to hundreds. He met regularly with family members, different stakeholder groups, Superintendents, Legislators, Media, Self-Advocates, and federal and state officials. He was often praised by both Governors for his ability to improve services within budget.



About his future, Director Martin plans "to take a break and then find something to occupy his time so he doesn't drive his wife nuts."

About the past 12 years, he says "it has been a privilege to partner with all of our stakeholders. I have enjoyed the work and the many wonderful people I have come to know."

Special thanks to Director John Martin and congratulations on 12 years of outstanding leadership for Ohio.

Guardianship training planned

A three hour approved guardian training will be provided at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, on December 6, 2018.

This training has been approved by the Ohio Judicial College to meet the 3-hour annual requirement for guardians. Hosting this training at the administration building of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was recommended by family members and guardians.

Following a family support meeting in 2016, Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel and Angie Franke, Paralegal, got to work to see if the trainings can be held at the

Johnstown Road site. This will be the fourth training that has been offered.

Parents appreciate having the training at a familiar location with free parking.

The December training will be on Government Benefits with the first beginning at 8:45 a.m. and the second beginning at 1:00 p.m. All trainings are presented in webinar format, where participants watch a pre-recorded video.

For details or to sign-up, call Angie Franke at (614) 342-5972.

Weather emergency messages

Because ARC Industries is now providing the transportation for many individuals receiving services at the three ARC Workshops and the Bixby and Northeast Centers, there is a change to the messages that will be communicated when transportation is cancelled due to weather.

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will communicate that the "Early Childhood and School Programs of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be closed."

Please note that the above message does not apply to Adult Services, because ARC Industries has their own procedures and messages. On certain days, it is possible that school buses may not be operating, yet the ARC Industries vans may still be able to operate in a safe and timely manner.

On days when transportation is cancelled all Administrative and Service Coordination offices will continue to be open. If there are extreme weather conditions that require delayed opening or closing of the Administrative and Service Coordination offices, messages will be communicated through the Media and Department Heads.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that they make the ultimate decision about sending children to school during bad weather. Even if early childhood or school buildings are open, parents may decide to keep their child at home based on his or her needs.

Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Annually, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities conducts an assessment to seek opinions on the quality of services provided and needs in our community.

The survey can be completed anonymously and is designed to seek feedback from individuals served, families, staff, providers, volunteers, advocates, other agencies and the public.

The survey is included in this issue of 'Dateline'. We ask all to take a few minutes to offer your opinions to help with our future planning.

Thank you!

OOD Job Fairs draw hundreds

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) recently hosted five job fairs throughout Ohio with great success in helping people find employment.

Kevin Miller, Director of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and his staff hosted job fairs in Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, Canton and Columbus with hundreds participating in the event.

Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison attended the Columbus event held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, located at The Ohio State University. Superintendent Morison stated he "was so impressed with the number and diversity of employers present and pleased to see several of our staff helping individuals seek out jobs." Over 60 employers were present at the

event, which also included interview rooms with some individuals being hired on the spot.

Director Miller and Deputy Director of Employer and Innovation Services Kristen Ballinger, indicated they were particularly appreciative of employer response and the success of individuals finding jobs, with a hiring rate more than twice the national average.

Special thanks and congratulations to OOD.

**Kevin Miller, Director and
Kristen Ballinger, Deputy
Director of Employer and
Innovation Services.**



Franklin County awarded Provider Partnership

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Franklin County Provider Council have been selected as a Pilot Provider Partnership County to experiment with new approaches for county boards and Waiver Providers to work together.

The two year award to Franklin County was made jointly by the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), and the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA). The Franklin County pilot has the goal of improving outcomes for individuals by developing and implementing new voluntary provider best practice standards, new

ways for county boards to help providers train and maintain highly qualified staff, and new ways to improve administrative efficiencies so Direct Service Professionals can be paid more without increasing total Waiver costs.

The core Franklin County project team is composed of Sara Eppard, State Director of Dunganvin Ohio, Lola Risley, Director of Operations of RMS of Ohio, and Lynn Nichols, Director of Payco, Inc. (who are also the co-chairs of Franklin County Provider Council), and from FCBDD, Tracey Crawford, Maggie Hart and Larry Macintosh. Nancy Neely, with OACB, is the state project director.

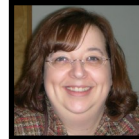
Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

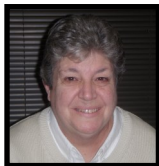
It was a great day for The Ohio State Basketball Team, including Coach Holtmann and Best Buddies participants who got together this Fall to hang out. Special thanks to all who enjoyed the day



Congratulations to Karin Crabbe, for statewide recognition at the Ohio Association of County Boards annual convention for all the outstanding work on the new Waiting List rule.



Congratulations to Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative Support Services and the Franklin County Provider Council for being selected for participation in a Provider Partnership Pilot Expansion Project.



Special thanks to Linda Gerber, Service Coordinator assigned to the Family and Children First council for many years of excellent service. Linda will retire at the end of January.



Congratulations to Charles 'Chuck' Dawson, Transportation Specialist for FCBDD. Chuck will retire from the Ohio National Guard in December after 20 years of service. Chuck was promoted to Sergeant in 2007, deployed to Kuwait/Iraq in 2009 and since 2011 has been a helicopter refueler. Thanks to Sergeant Dawson for your service to our country.



Career Milestones

30 years

Brenda Lackey

25 years

**Laurie Green-Lauber
Kathleen Moran**

20 years

Kimberly Ferrell

10 years

**Shiann Bennett
Tekesha Gaines
Sean Patterson
Latonya Johnson**

5 years

**Jose Bennett
Jennifer Hewston
Samantha Keigley
Susan Kuertz
Katie Rupinsky
Chelsea Stein**



FCCS Holiday Wish program

For more than 50 years, Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) has granted the wishes of children through Holiday Wish.

These children, who may have experienced abuse, neglect or other difficult home conditions, rely on the generosity of our community to put the joy back into their holidays.

Here are ways one can help with the Holiday Wish program:

- Contact Holiday Wish at (614) 275-2525 to fulfill a wish list for one or more young children at \$50 each or sponsor one or more older youth with a \$60 donation.
- Send a check made payable to the FCCS Children's Fund to Holiday Wish at 855 W. Mount Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.
- Donate any new, unwrapped toys at the FCCS 855 W. Mound Street location.
- Drop off new unwrapped toys.

Toy donations are being accepted now through December 24. Stop by 855 West Mound Street.

For more information, call Holiday Wish at (614) 275-2525 or email holidaywish@fccs.us.



The Holiday Wish office will be open to receive donations as follows:

**Open Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Open Wednesday, December 5
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Open Saturdays, December 8 and 15
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Open Sundays, December 9 and 16
12 to 3 p.m.**

Closed December 22, 23, and 25

**Open December 24
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Bowling event for Special Olympics planned



The 14th Annual 'For the Fun of It' bowling event will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 to benefit Franklin County Special Olympics.

This year's event will be co-sponsored by ARC Industries and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, meaning any staff of the two organizations can participate.

Trophies will be given to the top male and female bowler, top team and low team series. Prizes are given to participants throughout the event.

The event will be held at Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd. Each player contributes \$25.00.

For details or to register, contact Jack Brownley at (614) 342-5960 or jack.brownely@fcbdd.org. **The deadline for registration is December 20th.**



Public hearing scheduled

A public hearing to accept feedback on the Annual Action/Strategic Plan of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The hearing will also accept comments on funding provided by the federal government through IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education) Act.

The public hearing will be held at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Calendar

December, 2018

- 1 On-Site Crews Holiday Party at Crowne Plaza North, 10:30-2:00 p.m.
- 6 Bixby LSC Holiday Party at Bixby Living Skills Center, 4200 Bixby Road, 10:30-1:30 p.m.
- 7 ARC North Holiday Party at Crowne Plaza North, 9:00-12:30 p.m.
- 8 ARC Housekeeping Holiday Party at Crowne Plaza North, 10:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10 Public hearing on FCBDD's Annual Action/ Strategic Plan, 2879 Johnstown Road, 4 p.m.
- 12 ESD/Airport Drive Staff Holiday Party and Siebold Award Ceremony at Creekside, Gahanna, 12:15-2:30 p.m.
- 13 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 14 ARC East Holiday Party at ARC East, 10:00-1:00 p.m.
- 14 ARC West Holiday Party at Villa Milano, 1650 Schrock Road, 10:00-1:30 p.m.
- 14 Northeast Center Holiday Party at Northeast Center, 500 N. Hamilton Road, 10:00-12:30 p.m.
- 17 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 21 Winter begins.
- 21 Winter recess for ECE and schools. Classes resume January 2, 2018.
- 25 Merry Christmas.
- 24-29 Winter recess for adult services. Services resume January 2, 2018.

Dateline

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- Beth Savage**, Vice-President
- Marie Crawford**, Secretary
- Linda Craig**
- Dean Fadel**
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Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Periodically, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities assesses community needs and services provided by the agency. Individuals who are served, families, staff, service providers, volunteers, advocates, collaborative agencies, and the public are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete and respond to this survey. Your response will assist the Board in its efforts to improve services and better meet needs. ***Please complete the survey and return to Superintendent's Office FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, by January 15th.***

1. Please check as appropriate. (You may check more than one.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of FCBDD <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Collaborative Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Child Enrolled in Local School District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> News Media Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Service Provider/Contract Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of Franklin County School District <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Business Community <input type="checkbox"/> State Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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2. Please check which services (if any) of the following you or your family member are receiving from FCBDD.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education <input type="checkbox"/> School Program <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Adult Services Locations <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Employment Services <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resources / Respite <input type="checkbox"/> Residential / Supported Living Services <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Services <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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3. Please provide your satisfaction rating for the following categories by circling your choice.

FCBDD Services	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Early Childhood/Home Based	1	2	3	N/A
Schools	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Adult Services Locations	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Employment Services	1	2	3	N/A
Family Resources	1	2	3	N/A
Transportation	1	2	3	N/A
Special Olympics / Recreation	1	2	3	N/A
Service Coordination	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Nisonger Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dental	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dual Diagnosis	1	2	3	N/A
Children's Hospital Early Intervention	1	2	3	N/A
Childhood League Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Easter Seals Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Dahlberg Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
ADD Community Connections	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / SAGE Senior Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Young Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Work and Community Services	1	2	3	N/A
Nationwide Children's Hospital	1	2	3	N/A
Epilepsy Foundation	1	2	3	N/A
Creative Housing	1	2	3	N/A
Supported Living Services	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

4. Please provide your opinion of the following statements by circling your choice:

	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	N/A	
Overall, FCBDD is providing quality services to the community.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD tax dollars are being spent wisely.	1	2	3	N/A	
Parents/Family Members of FCBDD participants are involved and supported.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD collaborates well with other community organizations.	1	2	3	N/A	
Generally, FCBDD meets the needs of individuals in our community who have developmental disabilities.	1	2	3	N/A	
Participants have adequate choice in services offered.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD staff treat participants, family members and public at large with courtesy and with respect:	Participants	1	2	3	N/A
	Family	1	2	3	N/A
	Public	1	2	3	N/A
FCBDD communicates well.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD prevention services, including early intervention, and public awareness are provided adequately.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports efforts of individuals to advocate for themselves.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports 'employment first' efforts.	1	2	3	N/A	

5. Please respond to the following questions, if applicable:

- a. What are the strengths of FCBDD? _____

- b. How can FCBDD improve? _____

- c. If you or a family are not currently receiving FCBDD services, but anticipate need in the future, please indicate the service you will need and anticipated date: _____

6. If you would like more information regarding FCBDD or follow-up to questions, please indicate what you would like, and include your name, address and phone number: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

- If you do not currently receive *Dateline*, the FCBDD newsletter, but would like to receive it, please check the box and include email address to receive electronically: _____